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Group : 3623
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System

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

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AMENDMENT

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This communication is in response to the Office Action
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Claims 8-9, and 13-19 are in the case, with claims 17-
19 withdrawn.

Please amend the above cited application as follows:

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